

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure

Please amend the abstract of the disclosure (as revised by Examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowance) as follows:

The present invention is directed to a an isolated DNA molecule from *Erwinia amylovora* that encodes a protein or polypeptide which elicits a hypersensitive response in plants. This isolated DNA molecule can be used to impart disease resistance to plants, to enhance plant growth, and/or to control insects on plants. Plants or plant seeds transformed with a DNA molecule encoding a hypersensitive response elicitor protein or polypeptide can be provided and the transgenic plants or plants resulting from the transgenic plant seeds are grown under conditions effective to impart disease resistance, to enhance plant growth, and/or to control insects on plants or plants grown from the plant seeds.